



# UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

FIRST SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER, 2019

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE: PAD 303

TITLE OF PAPER: ADMINISTRATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

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Instructions:

1. This paper consists of Section A and B
2. Answer four (4) questions: Two questions from Section A and another two (2) questions from Section B
3. All questions carry equal marks of twenty-five (25) each.

Special Requirements:

None

Additional Material (s)

None

*Candidates may complete the front cover of their answer book when instructed by the Chief Invigilator and sign their examination attendance cards but must NOT write anything else until the start of the examination period is announced.*

*No electronic devices capable of storing and retrieving text, including electronic dictionaries and any form of foreign material may be used while in the examination room.*

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## **SECTION 1:**

1. Give some of the definitions of rural development and give examples of theoretical conceptions behind each of these definitions. Explain how rural development is seen as different from agricultural development. **(25 Marks)**
2. Discuss the complex and multi-dimensional causes of rural poverty in the developing world, particularly Africa and the issues for the persistence of rural poverty. **(25 Marks)**
3. What are the key elements that need to be put into place when crafting a policy or policies to reduce rural poverty? **(25 Marks)**
4. Poverty is considered "an engineered position" as a result of a protracted capitalistic dominance by the metropolis and that the poverty and underdevelopment in most rural areas in Africa is a result of the inhibiting relationship between them and the urban areas." Which theorists have made these assertions and what is your analysis and conclusion on these arguments? **(25 Marks)**

## **SECTION 2:**

5. In the last decades, there has been drastic changes in world agriculture. What are the reasons for these changes? Discuss the most common agrarian reform and rural development strategies that were effected by developing countries in response to these changes and challenges. **(25 Marks)**
6. Make a comparative analysis of agrarian reform strategies undertaken by two countries of your choice in the Southern Africa region. **(25 Marks)**
7. Discuss the African Experience of how poverty tends to affect women more compared to men. Using Swaziland as an example, give examples of the strategies used to empower women to participate more effectively in rural development. **(25 Marks)**
8. Discuss some of the key strategic interventions undertaken by Swaziland to address rural development. **(25 Marks)**